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TELE COMMUNICATION NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village Panchayats had been connected with telephone facilities till March 31, 2002 in each State;

(b) the number of cities in the country which are connected with Internet in each State; and

(c) the proposal of the Government to expand the telecommunication network in the country in Tenth Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) The information is given in the enclosed Annexure-I.

(b) Internet connectivity is available in all the cities in the country. State-wise information is given in the enclosed annexure-II.

(c) New Telecom Policy' 99 envisages a tele-density of 15 in the country by 2010 and expansion of Network during 10th Plan Period is being planned accordingly.

ANNEXURE-I

Circle-wise Status of Panchayat Villages with VPTs as on 31-03-2002

S.No.	Circle	Total No. of Panchayat Villages	Panchayat Villages provided With telecom facility
1	Andaman & Nicobar	67	67
2	Andhra Pradesh	19533	18260
3	Assam	2486	2095
4	Bihar	8471	7884
5	Chhatisgarh	9139	6265
6	Gujarat	13510	12542
7	Haryana	5946	5946
8	Himachal Pradesh	2922	2819
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1461	901
10	Jharkhand	3303	2421
11	Karnataka	5692	5690
12	Kerala	1000	1000
13	Madhya Pradesh	22029	18820
14	Maharashtra	24937	22917
15	North-East-I	2020	1729
16	North-East-II	2374	1726
17	Orissa	5254	5010
18	Punjab	12477	12477
19	Rajasthan	9184	8641
20	Tamil Nadu	13126	13126
21	Uttar Pradesh (East)	51262	45892

22	Uttar Pradesh	12831		12831
(West)				
23	Uttaranchal	6843		4885
24	West Bengal	3473		3473
25	Kolkata	437		437
Telephones				
26	DELHI	191		191
TOTAL		239968	218045	

Statewise List of Nos. Of Cities having Internet Connectivity

Serial No.	Name Of State	No. Of Cities
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	2
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23
3.	Assam	23
4.	Bihar	38
5.	Chhattisgarh	16
6.	Gujarat	25 + (U/T)
7	Haryana	19
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12
9.	Jammu And Kashmir	14
10.	Jharkhand	22
11.	Karnataka	27
12.	Kerala	14+ (U/T)
13.	Madhya Pradesh	45
14.	Maharashtra	35
15.	Arunachal	15
16.	Nagaland	8
17.	Manipur	9
18.	Meghalaya	7
19.	Mizoram	8
20.	Tripura	4
21.	Orissa	30
22.	Punjab	18
23.	Rajasthan	32
24.	Tamil Nadu	29 + (U/T)
25.	Uttranchal	13
26.	Uttar Pradesh	70
27.	West Bengal + Sikkim	22

UT:- Union Territory